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REQUEST FOR THE INCLUSION OF A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM
IN THE AGENDA OF THE FORTY-SIXTH SESSION

NECESSITY OF ENDING THE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND
FINANCIAL EMBARGO IMPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AGAINST CUBA

Letter dated 10 September 1991 from the Permanent
Representative of Cuba to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have pleasure in transmitting to you a note from the Executive Board of the Regional Committee of the Christian Peace Conference in Latin America and the Caribbean, concerning the economic embargo imposed by the United States against Cuba; I believe that it should be brought to the attention of the representatives of Member States (see annex).

Accordingly, I request that you be kind enough to have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Ricardo ALARCON de QUESADA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 5 September 1991 from the Executive Board of the Regional Committee of the Christian Peace Conference in Latin America and the Caribbean addressed to the Secretary-General

We Christians of various denominations in Latin America and the Caribbean who make up the Executive Board of the Christian Peace Conference in Latin America and the Caribbean (CCP-LAC), meeting in the city of Havana, Cuba, from 3 to 6 September 1991, wish to say the following to you, Mr. Pérez de Cuéllar, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

We have seen how children, old people, women and other citizens of Cuba have suffered because they lacked medicines and other elements essential to the full life praised in the Gospel.

We have noted the shortage of raw materials which affects the working population in the production of consumer goods, and the manifold consequences this has for agriculture and the work of the population, primarily as a result of the blockade imposed on Cuba.

We emphasize the injustice, irrationality and illegality of this prolonged embargo. There is no logical reason to justify it under any type of law whether natural, constitutional or international.

Today our world demands sane coexistence among nations, and this embargo is not conducive to establishing an order that will bring stability to the region.

For these reasons we request that an item concerning the lifting of the embargo imposed on the Republic of Cuba by the United States Government be included in the agenda of the forthcoming session of the General Assembly. This would be a genuine sign that we have taken a first, viable step along a road leading to sane political coexistence in this continent, as was forcefully stated by the Presidents who gathered at the Ibero-American summit in Guadalajara, Mexico.

We pray to the Lord that those whose task it is to take decisions on so important an issue may assume their responsibility nobly. We are hopeful that we will achieve a just and humane situation in accordance with the teachings of the One who came that we might have everlasting life.